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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

James A. Dudek

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 7, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US006746130B2 ("130").

Per claim 1, 130 teaches a liquid crystal display device comprising: a liquid crystal display panel [LP]; a light source for generating light beams [1]; and a dispersion film [41, specifically 41c] positioned between the liquid crystal display panel and the light source [1] having a plurality of bar-like structures arranged along a first direction and facing the light source [41a]; wherein the dispersion film is utilized for enabling brightness of the light beams generated from the light source to be increased when a viewing angle is increased, and further utilized for enabling the liquid crystal display device to display an image with uniform brightness [these are inherent characteristics of dispersion plates and prism sheets]. 130 lacks a liquid crystal display panel having two parallel substrates and a liquid crystal layer sealed between the substrates. However, it was well known to use substrates to sandwich the liquid crystals in order to contain the liquid crystals. Accordingly it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine the well known substrates with 130.

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Per claim 5, 130 teaches the liquid crystal display device of claim 1 wherein a cross section of each of the bar-like structures along a second direction that is perpendicular to the first direction has a shape of a triangle [see figure 6].

Per claim 6, 130 teaches the liquid crystal display device of claim 1 wherein a cross section of each of the bar-like structures along a second direction that is perpendicular to the first direction has a shape of a trapezoid [see figure 4a].

Per claim 8, 130 teaches the liquid crystal display device of claim 1 but lacks a cross section of each of the bar-like structures along a second direction that is perpendicular to the first direction has a shape of a semicircle. However, it is an art recognized to use semicircle lens structures in place of prisms as they both disperse of focus light. Accordingly it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine semicircle shaped lens with 130.

Per claim 10, 130 teaches the liquid crystal display device of claim 1 but lacks the dispersion film comprising a plastic film. However, it was well known to use plastic to simplify the manufacturing of the sheet. Accordingly it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of invention to combine the well known plastic dispersion sheet with 130.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4, 7 and 19-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

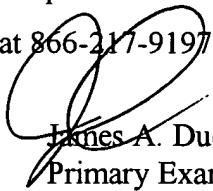
Claims 11-16 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Dudek whose telephone number is 571-272-2290. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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